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Subject: RE: Saltworks Status Update **Attachments:** 120504.50-50 Withdrawal.pdf

Forgive me, I also meant to attach a copy of the letter to the City officially withdrawing the dormant plan. It is attached.

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Cc: barbara_ransom@cargill.com Subject: Saltworks Status Update

Greetings:

We just wanted to update you on Saltworks in light of some activity at Redwood City (see email below). As you know, we ceased activity in November 2011 on the proposal then pending at the City - the so-called "50/50 Balanced Plan," originally filed in May 2009. We formally notified the City to cease its own consideration of that proposal while we undertook a thorough examination of the comments received on the plan since its filing. As many of you know, we

have also been reconsidering our regulatory approach related to processing the application. Our focus since halting consideration of the May 2009 plan has been on a much more consolidated footprint, expansion of restoration opportunities, and the appropriate regulatory strategy and process to facilitate that revised vision.

The Council felt prompted to take this action at this time, but we wanted to confirm that nothing has changed since our announcement last year. We continue with our internal analysis and fully plan to proceed as we have discussed. The following press coverage is, for the most part, accurate:

http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_20545549/redwood-city-saltworks-project-will-be-sc aled-back

Should any of you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Otherwise, we will be in touch in the near future regarding our proposed direction on regulatory issues.

Sincerely, **David Smith**

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Subject: Council ad-hoc committee on Saltworks to recommend denial of project application

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City Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Saltworks to Recommend Denial of Project Application

Redwood City, CA - The City Council's ad-hoc committee assigned to research and report on options regarding the Saltworks development application will be recommending denial of the current application when the issue comes to the City Council on May 7th. This recommendation is being made on the grounds that despite having an application on file with the City for three years, the developer has yet to submit a complete project description and therefore the application remains incomplete and inactive.

If the City Council follows the recommended action and denies the project, the City would stop all current processing actions. The committee also recommends not proceeding with a public vote on the issue at this time. Since the developer has indicated that the scope of the project is to be revised, it would not be a prudent use of City resources to gather public opinion about a project for which a completed description and application does not exist.

The committee further advises that if and when the developer presents a new and complete project application to the City, the City will determine whether and how to proceed on that application, at that time. The committee's full report will be available on the City's website by 5 pm on Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Denying the current application would not prevent DMB from pursuing a new application in the future. In the meantime, the property would remain subject to current General Plan designations that have been in place since 1990.

The ad-hoc committee will be making its recommendations at the May 7th, 2012, City Council meeting, which begins at 7 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road.

More information on the Saltworks proposal is available on the City's Web site at www.redwoodcity.org/saltworkshttp://www.redwoodcity.org/saltworks.

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